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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PLAN TO CONVICT, THEN RELEASE CRAWFORD

SUMMARY: BREZHNEV TOLD ARMAND HAMMER YESTERDAY IN YALTA THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO BRING CRAWFORD TO TRIAL, GIVE HIM A "SMALL FINE OR MAYBE NO FINE" AND EXPEL HIM. EXPULSION WOULD APPARENTLY BE SIMULTANEOUS WITH CONVICTION AND TRIAL A ONE DAY AFFAIR.

1. IN POST-MIDNIGHT SESSION AT SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT ARRANGED AT HIS OWN REQUEST, HAMMER CONVEYED SELECTED RESULTS OF HIS THREE-HOUR CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT IN YALTA TO EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR. HAMMER WAS ENROUTE FROM YALTA TO LONDON. ACCORDING TO HAMMER SOVIETS HAVE THE GUY (CRAWFORD) COLD--HAMMER APPEARED FULLY CONVINCED OF THIS BUT SAID HE WAS MERELY CONVEYING WHAT BREZHNEV STATED-- AND ARE DETERMINED TO HAVE TRIAL TO REFUTE WESTERN DISBELIEF. TRIAL COULD BE ONE DAY AFFAIR, AND BREZHNEV AGREED TO CONSIDER HAMMER'S SUGGESTION THAT WESTERN PRESS BE PRESENT. THERE WILL BE A "SMALL FINE OR MAYBE NO FINE", AND CRAWFORD WILL BE EXPELLED FROM USSR.

2. HAMMER TOLD COUNSELOR INFORMATION WAS TO BE RELAYED  
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ONLY FOR PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND ME, THAT "YOU MIGHT WANT TO USE MY SERVICES AGAIN." BREZHNEV APPARENTLY ASKED THAT PRESS BE TURNED OFF ON THIS ISSUE. HAMMER SAYS HE WARNED THAT A TRIAL WOULD HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT.

3. BREZHNEV, DESCRIBED BY HAMMER AS BEING IN EXCELLENT SHAPE AND TO BE SWIMMING AN HOUR DAILY IN THE BLACK SEA,

SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET PRESIDENT TO SIGN SALT II  
AGREEMENT. BREZHNEV EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT PROGRESS  
ON SALT AND HOPED ACCORD COULD BE READY BY DEC.  
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